

## STILL AT LARGE

**Police Tell Why the Man Who Robbed Miss Rickerich Got Away.**

### CHIEF MURPHY'S STATEMENT

**He Thinks the Crime Was Not Committed By a Professional.**

### HOW THE THIEF ESCAPED

**At One Time a Trolley Car Saved Him From Capture.**

Chief of Police Murphy and his efficient detectives were busy all day today trying to discover some clue to the man who robbed Miss Laura Rickerich at the entrance to the Hudson County National Bank yesterday and escaped with \$1,000 in cash and over \$300 in checks. The police are chagrined at their failure to catch the man yesterday, and this morning Chief Murphy issued this statement—

"The police are not at all pleased with their ill luck yesterday in not capturing the thief who formerly robbed Miss Rickerich in the vestibule of the Hudson County National Bank. In a long time they say they have not had so many 'ifs' stand in the way of capturing a criminal. The patrolman who covers Washington streets and streets south of York was on leave, had been on duty his reporting time at a signal box would have placed him on Warren street, just at the time the thief was seen to pass south on that street after coming out of the flat on Morris street.

"If the young men Outwater and Herbert, had acted 'Stop thief' after the thief had escaped them by getting over the fence into the yard of St. Matthew's Church, Mr. Rutter, of No. 101 Sussex street, would have nabbed him as he saw him going over the fence. The police are of the impression that some pariah or other class of thieves did this job; a bank sneak and thieves who work such games are hardly ever alone.

"Last evening's mail carried to the police of all principal cities a postal card describing the criminal. The card was the only chance he sees of getting this man is that he may be picked up with a lot of money in his possession and held for identification."

This is a copy of the postal card sent out—

Wanted—For larceny of a satchel containing about three hundred and thirty in cash, three hundred and thirty in checks. The money was in \$20, \$10, \$5 and other small bills. The checks were made payable to the Prudential Insurance Company or F. H. Rickerich, superintendent of the bank. A satchel, containing \$1,000 in cash and \$300 in checks, was also inside the satchel. This satchel was forcibly taken from a young lady while in the vestibule of a bank 11th city at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The thief is described as a man about 25 years old, 5 feet 5 in. tall, complexion, looks like an Italian or Jew, smooth face, dark hair, dark blue coat and trousers, black derby hat and a cheap black and white striped shirt. The thief is not a professional. We have several who can identify him arrested.

Kindly arrest and notify.

BENJ. MURPHY, Chief of Police.

There appears to be many versions of the robbery and the course the thief took in his flight. As far as can be learned from those who actually saw the occurrence, these are the details—

Miss Rickerich, a slight young woman, of 23 years, of atractive appearance, is the cashier of the Jersey City office of the Prudential Insurance Company on the ground floor of the Fuller Building. It is her custom to go to the Hudson County National Bank every afternoon to deposit receipts of the office. About 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon she started out for the bank as usual. She carried a small satchel in which she had \$1,000 in cash and \$300 in checks. The latter were all made payable to the Prudential Insurance Company. She walked up Montgomery street to Washington street to the bank without mishap, nor did she notice that anyone was following her.

The counting room of the bank is situated on the second floor of the building and is approached from the street by a flight of stone steps which end in a sort of vestibule just inside of the bank. From this a flight of stone steps leads to the hallway of the counting room. Miss Rickerich had passed up the stone steps and was crossing the vestibule when the thief seized her arm and gave it a wrench which caused her to wince with pain and fear. She then started to run, but the thief then snatched the bag out of her grasp and bounded down the steps two at a time. Miss Rickerich realized at once that she had been robbed and began to cry for help.

Directly across Washington street from the bank is the second-hand furniture store of A. Newman. On two of the chairs which stood in front of the store, near George Outwater, of No. 36 York street, and Samuel J. Herbert, of No. 107 York street. They heard Miss Rickerich's cries and saw the man dash down the steps. They immediately started after the flying thief, who turned west on Grand street, with Outwater and Herbert close at his heels. A big Bayonne trolley was coming down Grand street and at the risk of his life, the thief dashed across the street, the fender barely missing his heels as he cleared the last rail. His pursuers were compelled to stop and let the car pass, and when they resumed the chase the thief was far in the lead. He continued up Grand street and when he came to the old Reformed Church he nimbly scrambled over the high iron fence which separates the church yard from the street. He ran through the yard and into the church building to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, which is built up against the Reformed Church, and faces on Sussex street.

## RELIEF FROM HEAT.

**Local Forecast is for Thunderstorms and Cooler Weather.**

The fourth day of the present warm weather started in with an extremely unpleasant temperature recorded by the official thermometer at 9 o'clock this morning. The thermometer at 82 New York Weather Bureau registered 82 degrees at that hour, and the little silver thread in the glass was steadily rising higher. The temperature at 8 o'clock yesterday was 78 degrees, and as yesterday's weather was record breaking, the meteorological experts guessed that new record figures might be hung up today. A tolerably low temperature of humidity, 69 at 8 o'clock, held out some alleviating assurances. The list of heat prostrations recorded during the night included several deaths, and the list began to be extended after sunrise, receiving additions every hour.

It became apparent, however, within the hours from 8 to 10 o'clock today that the hot spell might have lost a little of its fervor. The temperature at 9 o'clock was 78 and the same temperature at 9 o'clock yesterday, only 3 degrees, more were gained from 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock, when the thermometer registered 81, a temperature less by 2 degrees than yesterday at the same hour. The humidity percentage fell to 59, considerably less than yesterday's.

The workings of the thermometer, indicating a break in the warm wave, were comforting. To add to this the New York local forecast came out with the announcement that relief was in sight. Mr. Emery said that the forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 tomorrow night was for thunderstorms this evening or tonight, followed by lower temperatures tonight and tomorrow, with showers tomorrow and fresh to northwest winds.

None of the thunderstorms included in the forecast for last night appeared in this vicinity, and there was real suffering from the heat during the night all over the city and roundabout. Nearly every body said to everybody else this morning that he had had little or no sleep. In many of the crowded quarters of the city to get sleep was hardly attained. Hundreds and thousands lay down to rest on roofs and fire escapes, and some of these persons nearly lost their lives by falling, as was shown by the morning's hospital returns.

The city got through the first two days of this heated term without showing much of its effects, but yesterday found the people greatly weakened and last night and this morning found the city fairly prostrated.

For the vast host of the population, which could not, for many reasons, seek relief out of town from the torrid atmosphere that hung over the city and its buildings, even the usual comforts failed last evening. It seemed as though every one thought of car rides about town for a little cooling off. Besides the fact that there was only a fitful and warm breeze to help out, the general impulse to try a car ride was responsible for the discomfort of it. Every car that went up or down town was crowded after it had gone a short distance and the passengers wilted. One thing was right which more than anything else indicated the genuine distress in the city was the wailing of children and babies' wails. The plaintive cries of the little sufferers from the heat were to be heard all over town, in the apartment quarters and other residential districts. The sounds which showed their misery filled many of the streets through which cars ran, their mothers having sought to give them an airing and finding, as did every one else, that the car rides were failures.

The city did not look cheerful and agreeable as it went to work today. It looked irritated, as though its nerves had been pretty well rasped and as though not much was to be expected of it in the way of energetic effort or patience. The most cheering appearing detachments of the toilers were those who came from Long Island, Staten Island or New Jersey, for they had not had quite such an intolerable night as those in the city, and they had had a few minutes of the refreshing breeze which blew up at daybreak this morning. But the effects of these advantages soon disappeared as the pavements of the city and the office buildings warmed up under the sun. All day long there was a noticeable tendency, judging by the thinning out of the crowds on the streets and by the air of indolence which reigned in offices and shops and stores to pull off till tomorrow—when it might be cooler—what did not have to be done today and to keep off the streets and get home or away from town as soon as possible.

The matter was finally settled by the board agreeing to inspect the property when it visits the several taxing districts next week.

### MOTHER COMPLAINS OF SON.

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### QUARREL LED TO SHOOTING.

A tenement wrangle between Mrs. J. Miller and Mrs. Mary Winkelman, led to a shooting in Hoboken last evening. The women, who live at No. 131 Adams street, fought over a child of Mrs. Winkelman's, who was troublesome to Mrs. Miller. When John Miller, the husband of one of the wranglers came home he was informed of the difficulty. Getting a revolver from a hidden drawer he lay in wait for Mrs. Winkelman on the street. When he saw her he fired two shots at her. Neither of the bullets took effect. He was arrested and held by Recorder Stanton in \$1,000 bail for the Grand Jury.

### FUNERAL OF JOHN MULLIGAN.

The funeral of John Mulligan, thirty-four years old, of No. 14 St. Paul's avenue, took place this morning at St. Joseph's R. C. Church, where a solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Monsignor Seton, assisted by Father McGlinchey. The interment took place in the Holy Name Cemetery, West side avenue.

### FUNERAL OF PATROLMAN REDMOND.

The funeral of Patrolman Thomas Redmond, who died Monday, took place this morning at ten o'clock, from the Our Lady of Grace Church, Hoboken. A platoon of police led by Captain Hayes escorted the cortege part of the way to Hudson County Catholic Cemetery where the interment was made.

### EASTERS OF FACT.

Stores, factories and institutions can now get their supplies as good as any. S. E. House at D. E. Carey & Co.'s wholesale grocery can serve them. Complete stock, low prices, prompt delivery and quick service.

### GRAND JURY DINNER.

The Grand Jury, which was discharged by Justice Dixon Monday, will come together for the last time as a body on Monday night. They will meet in Duke's Hotel, Hoboken, and will consider nothing more heinous than the slaughter of certain calves, fish and edible animals.

### Cycling in South Africa.

Cyclists who carry dispatches in South Africa make about twelve miles an hour on rough and sandy roads.

## M'LEAN'S CHARGE

**Hoboken Assessors Show They Have Done Their Duty.**

### SHORE ROAD WAS ASSESSED

**Railroad Appeals to County Board From Local Valuations.**

Commissioner Alec McLean of the County Board for the Equalization of Taxes, did not succeed yesterday in doing as much damage to the Hoboken assessors as he had calculated upon. Mr. McLean, evidently thought the assessors had not done their whole duty in the matter of the Shore Railroad and proposed to find out why. The assessors produced official records showing that the Hoboken Railroad, Warehouse and Steamship Connecting Company, the official name of the Shore Road, was assessed by them in 1898 and 1899, as they had claimed, and had not been "exempt since 1898," as Commissioner McLean's informant had presumably stated.

The Hoboken assessors were evidently justly indignant over the intimation of neglect of duty, if nothing worse, conveyed by the pointed question of Commissioner McLean at Monday afternoon's meeting of the board. Their prompt refutation of the implied charge was complete and convincing.

It was presented by Commissioners Doherty and Leonard soon after the board was called to order by President Morgan, at four o'clock. All the members were present when Secretary James E. Connelly read the following—

"To the Board for Equalization of Taxes, Hudson County—

This is to certify that the Hoboken Railroad, Warehouse and Steamship Connecting Company were duly assessed by the Commissioners of Assessment of Taxes in and for the City of Hoboken, for the several parcels of property owned by them in the said City of Hoboken, for the real estate and chattel tax of 1898 to 1899, as per the assessment rolls of the Second and Fifth Wards of said City of Hoboken, on file in this office, and that the said tax of 1898 was duly set aside and cancelled by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey; that the Collector of Revenue was also advised by the Corporation Attorney of the City of Hoboken to cancel the tax of 1899, the same having been assessed prior to the entering of the judgment, that the City of Hoboken has paid their county and State tax to the Collector of Hudson County, N. J., on the valuation of the years 1898 and 1899, that the following is an abstract taken from the assessment rolls of the Second and Fifth Wards of the City of Hoboken to show that the property of the aforementioned company were duly assessed and the valuations thereof—

Here follows an abstract of the record in the Collector's office and the signature of Richard Bowes, Collector of Revenue. After the communication had been read Commissioner Clark remarked—

"That explains fully the collector's entry made by advice of the Corporation Attorney after the Supreme Court's decision in the case." Commissioner McLean said nothing.

A representative of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad Company, made by advice of the Corporation Attorney, appeared and stated that the valuation of \$75,000 on that company's 900 feet of water front in West New York, while claiming that the present valuation was excessive he admitted greater valuation before. He argued that in comparison with the Guildett property the railroad company's tract was over assessed.

The gentleman was at first loath to tell what percentage of the actual valuation he considered the assessor's figure, but finally said about 75 per cent.

Present Morgan thought the railroad property more valuable than the Guildett property on account of having greater land depth.

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## WOMAN MURDERED

**Hoboken Police Find Mutilated Body of Mrs. Meyrhaack.**

### HER HUSBAND MISSING.

**They Quarrelled the Night the Deed Was Done.**

The Hoboken police found the mutilated body of Mrs. Minnie Meyrhaack, thirty-seven years old, of No. 207 Clinton street, in Hoboken, last evening. She was found in bed dead, with her skull crushed in. Mary Glander, the landlady of the tenement, notified Patrolmen J. Meyer and D. Lehey shortly after nine o'clock that a cake of ice and some newspapers had lain in front of the woman's door on the ground floor all day. This fact made her suspicious. The police broke open the door. On a bed in a middle room the body of the woman was found wrapped up in two heavy blankets. The face was turned towards the wall, concealing a long cut in the neck. This had been made apparently with a heavy blunt implement. It laid the skull open to the brain. Another ugly cut was on the forehead, and both eyes were blackened and closed. The body was badly bruised in other places.

A search of the apartments resulted in the finding of a heavy pine club, a steel claw hammer and a small hatchet. These were under the bed, but none of them bore any trace of blood stains.

Detective Sergeant J. Nelson learned from Henry Brenker, a neighbor, that the woman and her husband, John, quarrelled frequently. Meyrhaack used to beat his wife often and her cries for help were well known to the tenants, he said.

Mrs. Glander said she had heard the couple quarrelling Monday night. The woman cried until nine o'clock, and then suddenly became quiet.

Meyrhaack is a longshoreman employed in the provision gang on the North German Lloyd pier. The fire on the pier did not throw him out of work as he was retained in the company's employ on the New York side of the pier.

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The most significant part of the report is the increase of deposits—from 17,750 in 1899 to 191,572 this year—a gain of 13,792. While the average amount of deposits has advanced from \$274.73 to \$282.62, the interest credited and drawn out by depositors has increased from \$1,615,358, an increase of over \$100,000 compared with 1899.

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The State banks were decreased in number by one during the year. The total resources are \$12,315,993.23, as compared with \$11,539,360 the previous year. There is a total surplus of \$1,033,130 with \$426,276.49 of undivided profits. The individual deposits subject to check were \$3,470,877.57. The aggregate increase of deposits used in savings banks, trust companies and State Banks for the year was \$11,758,249, and the aggregate increase of resources was \$14,997,108.

### Sacred Ground.

The ground on which a foreign legation stands is considered as belonging to the country whose flag flies from the legation roof, says "Chambers' Journal." Supposing a member of a foreign legation in London committed a murder, all who would be sent back to his native country and punished there. Some time ago, when a certain gentleman, whose name was well known at the time, was kidnapped into the Chinese legation in London, the Chinese legation, in order to save him, was forced to release him. The prisoner was a most serious breach of international law, and was instantly discussed "in diplomatic circles." Since the Chinese legation is part and parcel of China, an invasion of the Chinese Empire was thus made by a Scotland Yard official.

## TOO HOT FOR POLITICS.

**No Preparations Yet for the Campaign — Leaders View.**

Leader Robert Davis is not disposed to talk politics much these days; it is too hot. There will be plenty of time before the hard work begins in September. In the meantime he is going to get his official duties squared up and take a few official rounds in his near-by New York, returning from his campaign work.

Chairman W. B. Gourley of the State Democratic Committee, was in Jersey City today, and he too thought the hot weather had at present the right of way. He will have a conference soon with Mr. Davis as to plans and so forth. Both of these leaders feel that a strong local ticket must be nominated this fall. One of the State Committee is endeavoring to induce the leaders of each county to submit his slate for the consideration of the committee.

"By doing so," he said today to a "News" representative, "we will be able to have the right man to run. Often our ticket is weakened without due care taken in its making. We put on men because someone says he ought to go on, and not that we know everything about him."

Mr. Gourley will not call the State Committee together until September. Headquarters, it is said, will be in Newark.

### HELLO, BILL!

#### McCabe Fooled the Cabbies at Atlantic City.

Christie McCabe, the representative of Jersey City Lodge of Elks, No. 241, at the Grand Lodge in Atlantic City last week, supplied a deal of amusement to his brother Elks at the cost of a number of cabbies. Christie took a neat looking pocketbook containing a \$5 bill from his pocket, apparently by accident, and dropped it on the street in plain view of a number of "cabbies." The book fell in such a way that the number 5 was plainly visible.

With a mad rush for the pocketbook all the drivers became tugged up in a grab-bag, clothes tearing masks. One man, more athletic than the others got hold of the pocketbook and after tearing himself away from the others, who made frantic efforts to relieve him of the treasure, the man started on a wild dash down the street. The crowd of Elks, splitting with laughter shouted after him.

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## WAR IN MERCER.

**Murray and Gummere Battling for County Supremacy.**

### GARDNER OR WOOD?

**Fight For Congress Will Settle Tilt and Decide Who Has Power.**

[Special to "The Jersey City News."] TRENTON, July 18, 1900.—It is doubtful if any event in the history of the Republican party of Mercer County has so brought up its members as the contest for the nomination of the Congressional district in this regard. The fight is the fiercest on record here. The torridity of yesterday's weather was no bar to its progress. There were conferences without end, and when the time came to shut up shop last evening grave doubts as to the outcome were evident in both camps.

After all, it is not so much a question as to whether Congressman John J. Gardner shall be renominated or Assemblyman Ira W. Wood shall be the choice of the Congressional convention tomorrow, as it is a test of strength between the respective leaders of the city and county wings of the party.

At the head of the former crowd is City Clerk Edward C. Murray, recognized as a shrewd manipulator, while on the other side is to be found a bunch of astute politicians headed by County Clerk Barker Gummere. Each is making a supreme effort for the decision.

The Gummere contingent led by Gardner and the Murray contingent for Wood, but if it were not for the strife between the factions for the recognition that the battle of the political war, the Congressional matter could be readily settled.

Had Wood's candidacy been sprung some months, or even weeks ago, it is probable that all of the leaders in the county would have been favorable to it. But when it emerged without a word of warning Monday night the county leaders recognized that the gauntlet had been thrown down to them, and it behooved them to show their hand.

General Skirm, although apparently out of the political game, is still the greatest factor in the Republican party of Mercer county, and his office has been the Mecca for the champions of both factions since the Wood boom was launched.

County Clerk Gummere and others in sympathy with him, remained in conference with General Skirm and after a long splanx yesterday morning and when they had taken their leave, without any particular word of encouragement, City Clerk Murray and some of his cohorts made a pilgrimage to the general's office.

It is agreed that General Skirm is for Wood, but the knowing ones freely predicted last evening that the Assemblyman from the First ward had come upon the scene entirely too late and that the convention would renominate Gardner when it met at Atlantic City tomorrow.

Some of the most ardent champions of Wood refused to give up, however, and ventured the assertion that their man would not only receive the support of the Mercer delegation, but would also have a majority in the Burlington and Ocean county delegations.

Just what the outcome will be is very much of a problem at the present time. From the stories that were afloat at a late hour, many of the Trenton delegates are deserting to the Murray side, and it would seem that Gardner would be named, hair and all.

The contest has produced no end of funny situations, and many of the local workers find themselves up against hard times. Some of Murray's close friends are also near to Gummere, and they find much difficulty in trying to avoid a selection between the two.

Others who are warm advocates of the City Hall crowd are also very warm to General Skirm, and they have been somewhat jarred in attempting to make a choice in the war that is raging.

While it is understood that Sewell will take no hand in the Mercer county scrap he can be relied upon to issue an order to two in the other counties of the district. Gardner has been one of the most potent agents for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for a Generation, and his loss at this time would be a material one to that great corporation. He will not be sacrificed if Sewell can help it, and Sewell usually can when the railroad's interests are involved.

Street Commissioner John Glander is a shining example of the local leaders in a dilemma as to which way to jump in the fight. He is a most vigorous adherent of Sewellism and about as rampant as any man in the county. He has been for both Wood and Gardner since the war was declared, and as the sun went down last evening was reported in the Gardner ranks. What today will bring forth for the careworn street commissioner only Providence knows.

The Wood adherents are going to Atlantic City this afternoon by a special car, and immediately upon arrival at the shore headquarters will be opened and delegates "seen" in the interest of the Assemblyman. All of the Trenton delegates have been invited to go along in this special car.

The invitations were issued by City Clerk Murray on his official note paper. The special car, however, it is understood, is not being provided for at the expense of the county.

All of the Mercer County delegates are not going in this car, as all are not for Wood. The managers of the Wood boom claim that all but seven of the city's delegates favor the Assemblyman, but it is hinted that there is likely to be many who will not be of the to vote party. The rumored attempt to force the rule in the Mercer delegation will not be made, and the delegates will vote as they see fit.

## NEWARK'S WATER CONTRACT.

**Testimony Taken in Suit by City Against East Jersey Co.**

NEWARK, July 18, 1900.—The taking of testimony in the suit by the city of Newark in the Court of Chancery for a judicial construction of the city's contract with the East Jersey Water Company for the Pequannock water supply was begun yesterday at Newark before Herbert